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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FACILITIES TO SUGAR EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to promote the participation of non-Government sector insugar exports in view of the huge stock of sugar in different States including Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the incentives proposed to be provided including subsidies?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a)&(b): Exports of sugar are free under the EXIM policy of the Government.However, the exporters are required to obtain release order from the Directorate of Sugar for the quantity to be exported. There are no exports of sugar on Government account. It is the private or public sector bodies which can export sugar according to their best commercial judgements. Therefore, there is already participation of private sector bodies in export of sugar. In order to promote export of sugar, the Government has taken the following measures.

- The quantitative restrictions on export of sugar have been lifted.

- The requirement of registration of quantity to be exported with the Agricultural Processed Food Export Development Agency (APEDA) has been dispensed with.

- Sugar factories exporting sugar have been allowed exemption from levy on the quantity of sugar exported.

- The adjustment in freesale stocks of sugar factories exporting sugar, which was being made at the end of 12 months from the date of export, has been increased to 18 months.

- Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) benefit @ 5% on the f.o.b. value of exports has been allowed on export of sugar.

The above benefits are available to all exporters of sugar irrespective of the fact whether such exporters of sugar are private or public sector bodies.